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**State Names Statewide Psychiatric Medical Director**

**Dr. Leon Ravin has an active history in Nevada medical practice and education**

**Carson City, NV**— The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has named Dr. Leon Ravin as the new statewide psychiatric medical director.

Dr. Ravin has been the acting statewide psychiatric medical director in Nevada, and previously served as an associate medical director. Since 2006, he has worked in clinical and administrative roles at Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, including taking an active role in testifying on mental health laws and community standards of care before the Nevada Legislature. Ravin has been the director of graduate and postgraduate medical education for the state Division of Public and Behavioral Health since 2012 while also teaching as a clinical professor for the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Dr. Ravin is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General Adult and Forensic psychiatry. He is also a past president of the Nevada Psychiatric Association. A native of the city of Minsk, Belarus in Eastern Europe, Ravin was a medical doctor in his home country and received his psychiatry training at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center beginning in 2001.

As a doctor caring for patients, Ravin's activities extend beyond the halls of government and academia. He was the lead psychiatrist on a rapid response team for disaster and terrorism response, and he has consulted with homeless shelter clients referring them for treatment.

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*Broadcast media: Pronunciation of Leon Ravin is "Leon Raven."*

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